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C O N F I D E N T I A L WARSAW 2308

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR US UR  
SUBJ: US-SOVIET RELATIONS: THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO MOSCOW

REF: WARSAW 2056

1. AT A DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION APRIL 1, SOVIET AMBASSADOR PILOTOVICH APPROACHED ME AND ASKED WHETHER I HAD READ THE FULL TEXT OF GROMYKO'S PRESS CONFERENCE. HE SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT I READ THE FULL TEXT AND NOT RELY ON THE ACCOUNTS OF IT WHICH WERE BEING CARRIED IN WESTERN NEWS MEDIA. IF I DID THAT, HE SAID, IT WOULD BE APPARENT TO ME THAT GROMYKO HAD INDICATED THE READINESS OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATING. "WE ARE LOOKING FOR-  
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WARD TO GENEVA," HE SAID, BECAUSE "OUR GOVERNMENTS MUST CONTINUE TO TALK ABOUT THESE MATTERS AND MUST REACH AGREEMENT ON THEM SOONER OR LATER." I AGREED WITH HIM AND SAID THAT, FOR ITS PART, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT INTENDED TO DO JUST THAT.

2. PILOTOVICH SAID, HALF-APOLOGETICALLY, THAT GROMYKO HAD BEEN "COMPELLED" TO GIVE HIS PRESS CONFERENCE BECAUSE THE PRESIDENT

HAD DISCUSSED THE NEGOTIATIONS "EVEN BEFORE SECRETARY VANCE HAD  
HAD A CHANCE TO REPORT TO HIM."

3. COMMENT: PILOTOVICH SEEMED GENUINELY CONCERNED TO EXPLAIN WHY  
GROMYKO HAD GIVEN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE AND TO CONVEY A REASSURANCE  
THAT, DESPITE WHAT GROMYKO MAY HAVE SAID OR HOW IT WAS INTERPRETED  
IN THE WEST, THE SOVIETS WANTED TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATING. HIS  
EAGERNESS TO GET THIS MESSAGE ACROSS CONFIRMS DR. BRZEZINSKI'S  
CONCLUSION THAT THE SOVIET REACTION IS ESSENTIALLY DEFENSIVE.  
END COMMENT.  
DAVIES

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